

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q75965

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For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING TITANIUM OXIDE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/819,790 filed March 29, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (amended) A process for producing a titanium oxide which comprises
 - (i) a step of calcining a titanium compound while the titanium compound is in contact with a compound which generates ammonia in calcination, after the titanium compound has